

One Way to Boil a Ham.

The following is the recipe of the famous John Chamberlin of Washington for boiling a ham:

"To boil a ham in a Chamberlin, the night before put the ham in a tub of cold water, fleshy part downward, skin part up. Next morning put the ham in a large kettle or pot of cold water to boil. Let the water get hot gradually and continue to cook the ham in a slow boil, scarcely more than a simmer. At the end of five hours take the ham out, throw the water out of the pot and fill it with fresh cold water. Put the ham back immediately and let it simmer or boil slowly five hours more. Then add, according to the size of your piece, a gallon of vinegar or a gallon of clear or burgundy or champagne; then simmer or boil for three hours more. Then take the ham off, skin it and put in a cool place. Next morning trim it and eat when you are ready.

"To prevent the ham from tearing or the water suddenly boiling too fast it is always safe to sew a piece of cotton cloth tightly around the ham so as to fit as close as a glove. This will keep the meat firm and guard against the neglect of the cook in letting the water boil too fast."—New York Herald.

A Clever Woman's Answer.

"Do you not consider your husband the most graceless sinner in existence?" This question was asked the wife of a gay Lathrop by a rival for his affections while playing a game called "candor."

The stillness became intense and every pair of eyes grew rounder as those present looked from one woman to the other. It was the husband's voice that broke the silence.

"Your question is out of order, Beatrice," he said quietly. "It is a rule laid down in courts of law that a woman is not required to testify against her husband."

In the confusion that followed as the game broke up the man sought his wife's side. "What should you have replied to the query of the fair Beatrice if I had not come to your rescue so neatly?" he demanded.

"I should have said you were a sinner, yes, but a graceful rather than a graceless one."—Lippincott's.

Slow but Inexorable Justice.

In October, 1900, Pietro Giacconi and Marie Bonelli were tried at Rome on a charge of sextupole murder by poisoning committed 31 years before. In England Eugene Aram was hanged for the murder of Clarke 14 years after the offense. A man named Horne was executed for the murder of his child in the eighteenth century no less than 35 years after the offense. There is also the well known case of Governor Wall, who was executed in 1802 for a murder committed in 1782. Sherward was hanged at Norwich for the murder of his wife after a lapse of 20 years.

But Sir Fitzjames Stephens recalls what is the most remarkable case of all. He prosecuted as counsel for the crown in 1803 a man who was charged with stealing a leaf from a parish register 60 years before—that is, in 1803. In this case the prisoner was acquitted.

The Strength of a Shark.

Given special advantages, such as that of holding the end of a stout rope at the other extremity of which is a hook fixed in a shark's mouth, man may, with the assistance of a number of his fellows, have the best of the shark. But alone and in the water the advantage is wholly and absolutely the other way, and the strongest swimmer and the bravest heart fall when the tyrant of the sea seeks to make his acquaintance.

The shark is a creature gifted with great strength, a savage temper, dogged perseverance and exceptional power of jaw. The lion and tiger may mangle, the crocodile may lacerate, the bulldog may hold fast—the shark alone of living creatures possesses the power of nipping off a human limb at a clean bite.

Gender of the Sword.

Among the many curious notions obtaining among the different races using the sword may be noted the gender of the weapon. In the north of Europe it was either masculine, as in Britain, or neuter, as in Germany, while in the south it was uniformly feminine. Its force and cruelty appealed to the northern mind. Its grace and elegance attracted the warriors of the sunny south. It typified to the one strength, to the other dignity.—Exchange.

Poor Meekton.

"Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "do you remember the moonlight evening when I asked you to marry me?"

"I trust, Leonidas, that you are not going to become sentimental and silly."

"Not a bit of it. But I often recall the occasion with interest. I can never quite understand how I managed to talk so familiarly to you without seeming impertinent."—Washington Star.

All Cork.

"There goes a man with two cork legs. You'd never think it, would you?"

"Go away! Didn't I just see him running across the street like a deer to catch that street car? He couldn't do that with cork legs, could he?"

"Certainly, if, as happens to be the case, he was born in Cork.—Boston Courier.

Timely Warning.

Proprietor—I am satisfied with your work, Pusher, and I will raise your salary from \$10 to \$12 a week; but, mind, that does not mean that you must go and get married on the strength of it.—New York Times.

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